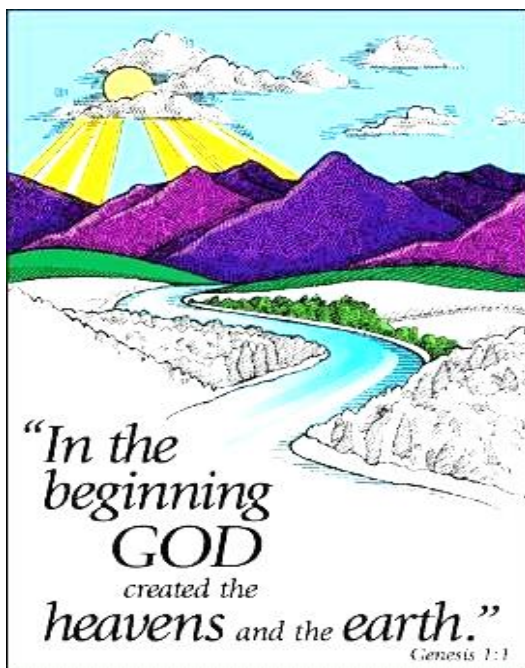


# The American Lutheran Church of Windom

Living God's grace, we cultivate community to love and serve.



**August 18, 2019 9:00 AM**  
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Saturdays 5:30 pm Chapel Worship  
Sundays 9:00 am Worship

**Pastors Sarah Tadé and Adam Roberts**  
*Ministers: Everyone*

**WELCOME! WE ARE HAPPY YOU ARE HERE TODAY!**

*If you are new to us or visiting from another church, please fill out a postcard for us. We'd love to be in touch with you.*

*PRAYER CANDLES are located near the front of the church on each side. You are invited to light a candle and say a prayer while you are here.*

*WORSHIP BAGS with a variety of quiet toys for small children are available at the back of the church.*

*COFFEE HOUR immediately follows our services every Sunday morning in our Skylight Court. ALL are welcome to join us for coffee and fellowship.*

*AUDIO AND VIDEO RECORDING may be in progress during church services /events. Audio, video, and/or photos of the services/events may be posted or aired online for public viewing.*

GATHERING MUSIC

MicheLe Larson, Organist

WELCOME

GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: You created the world and everything in it.

**C: Let there be light!**

L: You spoke it to life and said it was good.

**C: Let there be light!**

L: We, your creatures sing your praises.

**C: Let there be light!**

L: Our long night is over; let us rejoice!

**C: Let there be light!**

OPENING HYMN

***“Let All Things Now Living”***

(vs 1-2) ELW #881

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: We confess our sins before God and one another.

*Pause for silence and reflection.*

P: Creator God,

**C: You have made all things good, but we do not always treat them as we ought. We disrespect ourselves, others, the world which you have lovingly crafted. We forget that we are your children, loved and redeemed. And we ignore your spirit to chase after our own desires. Have mercy and forgive us, O Lord. Amen.**

P: God never lets us go, no matter how far we stray. Receive the promise of your redemption, the mark of your forgiveness and the spirit which sets you free. In the name of Jesus Christ, amen.

KYRIE

(Setting Ten)

ELW p. 203

HYMN OF PRAISE “*Awesome God*” (sing 2 times) ALC #143

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Loving Creator, you have made everything wondrously and for your good purpose. Make us responsible stewards of your creation, and willing proclaimers of your love which infuses all things. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.**

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Melanie Shamp, CE Coordinator

READING

Genesis 1:1-5

Pew Bible p. 1

The Word of the Lord/ **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL

Matthew 11: 28-30

Pew Bible p. 792

Response before: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Response after: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

Pastor Adam

SONG OF THE DAY

**“Thy Strong Word”**

ELW #511

APOSTLES’ CREED

First Article of the Apostles’ Creed,  
& Luther’s Explanation ELW p. 1162

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

OFFERING      *We give, because God gives to us!  
Our ministries share God's love.*

RESPONSE                      ***“Create in Me”***                      ALC #14

PRAYER

**You have taught us to trust, O Lord, and not to be worried for the provision of our lives. We thank you for all you have given us, and offer these gifts to you on behalf of your children everywhere. Use these offerings and use us to give you glory in the world which you have made. Amen.**

LORD’S PRAYER                      ELW p. 112

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN      ***“Shine, Jesus Shine”***      (vs 1-2) ELW #671

DISMISSAL                      Go in Peace, Serve the Lord.  
**We will! Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

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**WELCOME** to worship at American Lutheran! Today, we begin a three week study of the Apostles’ Creed. In our scripture reading today all things begin with God. Only after God speaks, thinks, acts, or loves can anything else do the same. God chose in God’s imagination to create us, which makes us significantly important to this world.

**JOIN US NEXT WEEK** for “Creeds: Jesus Christ,”  
1 Corinthians 1:18-25

**WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY**

**Scripture Reader:** Kelly Kleven

**Greeter:** Ali Dahna Family

**Media Ministry Team:** Mark Brodin, Lindsey Cartwright,  
Eugene Hanchett, Tom Wickie, Todd Armstrong, Tim Hiley

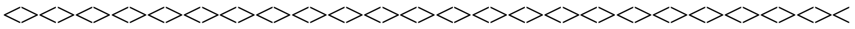
**RADIO SPONSORSHIP** for today's service is in memory of Malinda Flatgard and Michael Holmen given by Milo & Corrine Holmen and Brenda Flatgard.

A **RADIO GIFT** was also given in honor of Irene Hultquist's 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday today, August 18<sup>th</sup> by her family.



Attendance last Saturday 31; last Sunday 119;

Offering: \$2,623, Noisy Offering: \$135.46; Borrowed to date: \$41,000



**INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS FOR HEALING** will be available next weekend, after worship on Saturday night and during Communion on Sunday morning.

**BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS** will be Sunday August 25th at the 9AM Worship Service. Bring your backpacks! Teachers, bring your work bags!

**WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS** are needed for September. Please sign up on the Worship & Music bulletin board to be a Scripture Reader, Greeter or Communion Assistant.

**Recommendation from the Ad Hoc Committee on Ministry with Same Sex Couple and their Families to the ALC Council: *What does this mean?***

The recommendation leaves the question of marriage to the discretion of pastors, as it is within the call of the pastor to "offer instruction, confirm, marry, visit the sick and distressed, and bury the dead." ALC Constitution C9.03b.1. The recommendation suggests that the congregation trust its pastors with the blessing and burden of fulfilling the pastoral role of officiating at legal marriage ceremonies for all couples regardless of gender makeup, and that they be supported in their pastoral care decisions.

This means that a pastor may choose to marry or not to marry a same sex couple, in the same way that he or she may choose to marry or not to marry a heterosexual couple.

The Council has tabled the recommendation until its September 10th meeting to allow the congregation time to gain knowledge of the recommendation, and provide feedback to the Council. Please contact your Council members with feedback. Contact the Church office for contact information.

Copies of the full recommendation are available in the narthex, through the office, and were sent to each member in the August newsletter.

## LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF BACKPACKS

As the school year ramps up, LWR is in need of school supplies to fill backpacks. Many families in developing countries can't afford school supplies and students face many challenges on getting an education. Students may walk up to 10 miles along dusty, rough roads that get muddy and slippery during the rainy season. School kits are a tremendous help to children around the world. A donation box is located in the Skylight Court. God bless you by serving those in need.

### Supplies needed:

70 Sheet theme books	12" rulers with centimeters on one side
Pencil Sharpener	2 1/2" eraser
Blunt scissors	Ballpoint pens
Box of 16 or 24 crayons	



**WOW (WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAYS)** begins Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:45 PM. Come for **SUPPER** at 5:00 PM. Supper that night will be walking tacos, fruit cups, and a cookie. We need volunteers to help prepare and serve the meals for Wednesday suppers to continue. Melanie is now on staff and is unable to serve all of the meals. If you would like to be a volunteer please contact the church office at (507)831-1794. Thanks!



Join us for the **LAST HOLY HAPPY HOUR** of the Summer **Wednesday, August 21st** at Plaza Jalisco, upper level, 5:15 – 6:15 PM. Pastor Adam and Pastor Sarah take turns leading a discussion based on Lutheran Trump Cards *Playing our Best Hand in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*. Come for conversation, chips & salsa, & a beverage of your choosing.

Put your right hand up, put your left hand up, put your right hand up and shake it back and forth.... **AMERICAN LUTHERAN'S BELL CHOIR** will begin practice once again on Monday, September 9th at 6:30 PM in the church sanctuary. We continue to look for individuals who would be willing to substitute for a practice night. Please contact Jane Cartwright, director, at 831-5032 if you would like to know more about this group.

Do, Re, Mi, Fa, So, La, Ti, Do! Men and women, time to begin warming up for **ALC CHOIR** rehearsal on Tuesday, September 3rd, 6:30 PM. Jamie Pohlman will be directing this group. If you have ever sung along with a favorite song in your car or perhaps with youngsters, join the group in the choir room located downstairs by the Fellowship Hall.

**BENSON FAMILY SINGERS** are looking for a host home to stay in for Saturday evening, September 7th. They would need room for 7. Preferably no dogs. Please contact Melanie Shamp if you are willing to host.



**FAMILY 101 TODAY:** Will continue every Sunday after worship through August! Remember there is childcare available! Each session is its own subject so if you haven't been to any, it's ok! Come and see what today's session has to offer!

**SAVE THE DATES:**

Join us on Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup> at 8pm in the parking lot for a **FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT!** We will be showing A Dog's Purpose! Jr. Leaguers will be selling popcorn, pop, water, and other snacks (for cheap!) The movie will start at 8:30pm but come early to get a good spot and all your snacks and POPCORN! Please bring your lawn chairs! If the weather does not cooperate, we will be in the fellowship hall!

**BAM WEDNESDAY RALLY DAY IS SEPTEMBER 4TH!** Come for supper at 5, then worship, then BAM. Students will go to their rooms to meet their teachers and play some games and parents will meet in the Fellowship Hall for a meeting and registration!

**BAM SUNDAY RALLY DAY IS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH!** The Benson Family Singers will come and perform and give us an awesome start to our BAM and Confirmation year! Following worship the BAM format will be the same as Wednesday.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL (BAM) ENROLLMENT:** If you have a child that is turning 3 years old by September 1st and will be enrolling in Sunday school please call the office at (507)831-1794 and let us know.



**Jr League:**

Next Meeting will be August 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM! Please meet at the sand volleyball courts! Weather permitting. Please watch for Remind message regarding changes due to weather.

**SAVE THE DATE:** 8th & 9th Grade Acolyte Training will be held on Wednesday, August 21st at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary. A letter will be sent out with more information.

**CONFIRMATION SMALL GROUP GUIDES**

We are currently in need of confirmation Small Group Guides. Please consider volunteering for this powerful ministry. Confirmation classes are Wednesdays from 6:30-7:45. Please let the office know if this is an area in which you'd be willing to serve.

## **THIS WEEK AT AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH**

### **Sunday, August 18**

9:00 AM Worship  
10:00 AM Coffee Hour  
10:15 AM Family 101  
10:30 AM Radio Broadcast 103.1 FM  
6:30 PM Jr League

### **Monday, August 19**

### **Tuesday, August 20**

*Messenger Deadline*

7:15 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study  
1:15 PM Staff Team Huddle  
7:00 PM Befrienders

### **Wednesday, August 21**

5:15 PM Last Holy Happy Hour of the summer at Plaza Jalisco  
6:00 PM Campfire Church  
7:00 PM 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Acolyte Training

### **Thursday, August 22**

9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline  
10:00 AM & 6:30 PM ALC Worship on Windom Cable Channel 3

### **Friday, August 23**

### **Saturday, August 24**

5:30 PM Chapel Service w/Healing Prayers  
8:30 PM Movie Night in the Parking Lot

### **Sunday, August 25**

9:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion, Blessing of the Backpacks, and Healing Prayers  
10:00 AM Coffee Hour  
10:15 AM Family 101  
10:30 AM Radio Broadcast 103.1 FM